

Parish News

Year 3 Sacrament of Confirmation

Session 1 Mon 24 July at 6.00pm & Tue 25 July at 3.30pm
 Session 2 Mon 31 July at 6.00pm & Tue 01 Aug at 3.30pm
 Session 3 Mon 07 Aug at 6.00pm & Tue 08 Aug at 3.30pm
 Session 4 Mon 14 Aug at 6.00pm & Tue 15 Aug at 3.30pm

Rehearsal 1 Mon 21 Aug at 6.00pm
 Rehearsal 2 Mon 28 Aug at 6.00pm
 Final Rehearsal Tue 29 Aug at 6.00pm

Celebration of the Sacrament: Sunday 03 Sept at 9am Mass

Safeguarding Children And Vulnerable Adults Prevention and Protection Policy:

...for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs. (Mk 10:14)

Children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm.

They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded.

Weekly Diary : 24th —29th July 2017

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| Monday 24 th | : 08.00 am. Mass followed by Novena |
| Tuesday 25 th | : 08.00 am. Feast of St James, apostle, followed Eucharistic Adoration. : 10.30 am. Anointing at Regency Aged Center, Sanctuary Cove |
| Wednesday 26 th | : 09.30 am. Memorial of Sts Joachim & Anne, parents of Blessed Mary, followed by Rosary |
| Thursday 27 th | : 09.30 am. Mass followed by Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group |
| Friday 28 th | : 09.30 am. Mass followed by Rosary. |
| Saturday 29 th | : 09.30 am. Memorial of St Martha, followed by Rosary. |
| Saturday 29 th | : 5.30 pm. : 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time A |
| Sunday 30 th | : 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. : 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time A |

The 1st Evening Sunday Mass of August will be on the 06th at 5.30 pm. : Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday A.

Mass Duty Roster : 29th/30th July 2017

| <u>Mass Co-ordinator</u> | <u>Lectors</u> | <u>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</u> | <u>Servers</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|------------------|
| 5.30pm Lorraine Knight | Monique Labutte Volunteer needed | Dot Baker, Clive Broughton, Rachelle Broughton Jean Di Benedetto, Helen Topham | Ryan Hurley |
| 7.00am Trudy Andrews | John Carter Helen Chapman | Rose Hessen, Jackie Cameron, Colleen McCormack Margaret McNamara, Michael Nicholson | Brianna & Ashley |
| 9.00am Michael Laidler | Jane Howard Rose Lopez | Kathy Fuller, Pam Nelson, Marie Roberts John Lynch | Samuel Howard |

Last Weekend's Thanksgiving Program

Next Week's Counting Team: No. 5 (31/7/17)
1st Collection 2nd Collection Piety Shop St Anthony's
 \$1185.70 \$1628.35 \$227.80 \$69.70

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver... And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance... You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity." (2 Cor 9:7-8,11)

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Reconciliation at 4.00pm
1st Saturday of the month.
Baptism Preparation at
7pm 1st Thurs of the month.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 23rd July 2017—Issue No. 230

THE SILENT AND VIGOROUS GROWTH OF THE CHURCH

Jesus uses the mustard seed to show the beginnings of the kingdom. He used this image to show that the kingdom will grow and flourish even though its beginnings seem very small and insignificant. The seed in Jesus' hand is tiny, simple and unimpressive. Yet the Kingdom of God is like that.

From these small seeds will arise the great success of the Kingdom of God and of God's Word. Since the harvest symbolizes the last judgment, it is likely that the parable also addresses the burning issue of slow progress in the growth of God's kingdom, especially when that growth was hindered by persecution, failure or sinfulness. Patience is called for in the face of humble beginnings. Jesus reassures the crowd that growth will come; it is only at the harvest that the farmer reappears. The growth of God's kingdom is the result of God's power, not ours. Like the tiny mustard seed, the kingdom of God is something that grows from a tiny beginning.

The Lord uses the vivid image of the mustard seed to speak about our faith. When we have faith, the Lord will accomplish great things in us. Whenever and wherever we take ourselves and our efforts too seriously, seeking by our plans and programs to "bring forth the kingdom of God," we will go away frustrated and sad. We must never forget that it is the Lord who sows, the Lord who waters, the Lord who reaps the harvest. We are merely servants in the vineyard. Let us beg the Lord to bless the desires he has planted deep in our hearts.

As the mustard seed grows into a tree of shelter for birds, may our families and faith communities be signs of the Kingdom every person of our communities is protected, respected and loved.

Pope Benedict XVI talks about the silent and vigorous growth of the Church, saying: "God always sows in silence. The seed the Lord scatters on the ground is like the seed of which he speaks in the Gospel: a great deal is lost — and this is human. We cannot say straight away that there will be an immense growth of the Church tomorrow. God does not act in this way. However, the Church grows in silence and vigorously like a small mustard seed it grows and becomes a great tree. I know from experiences that a great many friendships were born, friendships for life; a great many experiences that God exists."

Let us place trust in this silent growth, and we may be certain, even if the statistics do not tell us much, that the Lord's seed really grows and will be for very many people the beginning of a friendship with God and with others, of a universality of thought, of a common responsibility which really shows us that these days do bear fruit."

Fr. John Khoái

LITURGY OF THE LIVING WORD

FIRST READING Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 *You have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.*

There is no god besides you, Lord, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly. For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 *R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication. **R.**

All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. **R.**

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Turn to me and be gracious to me. Give your strength to your servant. **R.**

SECOND READING Romans 8:26-27 *The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.*

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION See Matthew 11:25 Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-43 *Let both of them grow together until the harvest.*

Jesus put before the crowds a parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. "So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"



Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. This was to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet: "I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world."

Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Edda Pronard, Mary Patricia Hurley, Jean Walsh, Alan Francis Hart
ANNIVERSARIES: Keith McDougall, Harry & Janet Lawrence, Joe Smith, Ron Stubbs, Noel Marriott, Mavis Harry, Kevin John Harth, Kate Topham, Imelda C Bayocot, Jose S Quiambao, Rose Hunt, Ann & Cecil Wilson

SICK LIST: John Nekvapal, Rita Ryan, Maureen Currie, Marg Watson, Brian Walker, Harry Hunter, Matthew Taylor, Margaret Wiersma, Madeline Hodgetts, Erin Mehmet, Nicole Ashdown, Barbara Paton, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Cathy Hewitt, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Kevin O'Donnell, Elizabeth Norris, Pat Otago, Stephen Deshaies, Cathy Hewitt, Patricia Ryder, Kathy Pearman, Ken Hannam, Kelly Blount, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Philip Egan, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston, Anne & Albert Chandler

PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your

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